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REMARKS:

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[redacted] the Friedrich August Kaserne and the Von-der-Busche Kaserne were occupied to capacity. The main entrance was used by units of both installations. Guard duty was alternately performed by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The Friedrich August Kaserne quartered exclusively artillery units. Rocket launchers and light AA guns were seen there. The Von-der-Busche Kaserne quartered exclusively tank units. On 6 January, 4 SU-100s [redacted] JSU-122s [redacted] and 4 JS-2 tanks

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[redacted] moved out of the installation toward the training area, where they were later seen together with 6 model V-8 x 82-mm rocket launchers. On 9 January, 3 SU-100s and 9 other SF guns and tanks left the installation. On 10 January, four trucks towing 37-mm AA guns [redacted] entered the installation. On 17 January, four trucks towing 37-mm AA guns entered the installation. [redacted] loadings were made

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at the Leisnig railroad station [redacted] First, two armored vehicles were loaded and again unloaded over an emergency ramp made of ties and, after the emergency ramp had been removed, tanks and vehicles from the Von-der-Busche Kaserne were loaded. Four JSU-122s [redacted] 2 JS-2 tanks

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[redacted] 2 JS-3 tanks, 2 armored personnel carriers, 1 repair shop truck [redacted] and tank truck [redacted] were loaded. A refrigerator car with two field kitchens and two converted boxcars stood near the loaded flatcars. The train was dispatched toward Doebeln on 18 January. Motor vehicles observed in traffic to the barracks installation [redacted]

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Comment. The report tends to indicate that the Friedrich August Kaserne and the Von-der-Busche Kaserne are occupied as was observed before, i.e. the first mentioned barracks installation by the 358th Gds AAA regt and an unidentified Gds rocket launcher battalion, and the latter by the 64th Gds Hv Tank SF Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted]. The tank unit loaded on 17 January is believed to have moved to Koenigsbrueck. [redacted]

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[redacted] Therefore, it is doubted that the shipment should have been dispatched on 18 January. However, it is possible that another tank unit was shipped on 18 January. [redacted]

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